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Dear Russell,

FLA 94 20-21 Cwm Gloyne

Thank you for your consultation. I have checked the map boundaries against the regional Historic Environment Record (HER) and other sources and note the following historic environment features recorded within the consultation area;

PRN 50019
SITE TYPE: DAM
NGR: SN10553976
DESCRIPTION:

The remains of a dam and its associated pond are visible towards the upper end of the valley. The dam is now breached and no water is retained behind it. The revetment stands to approximately 1.3 metres high and is battered to either side. The widest point, at the base, is 5-6 metres across. The central portion, which presumably held some kind of sluice, has collapsed. What remains indicates that the structure is largely stone and earth built, with some masonry visible to suggest the framework of a possible sluice. There is no indication of a pond on any of the available early map sources; however this structure is clearly of some antiquity. It would seem likely that the structure was not built for industrial purposes - the mill at Felindre-farchog was served by a leat taken from the Afon Nevern - but it would appear that this pond and dam may have served to enhance the picturesque qualities of the valley, which would be observed by approaching visitors to Cwmgloyne house. Although breached, the dam wall is still visible and forms a substantial landscape feature.

However, there are the remains of several young fallen saplings which lie scattered over the revetment wall and also within the breach. Not only do these fallen trees obscure the dam but also they could cause further damage to the structure, particularly when the stream rises and becomes more forceful. AP Dec 2003.

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PRN 50020

SITE TYPE: CULVERT

NGR: SN10583979

DESCRIPTION:

Upstream from the dam, PRN 50019, is a crossing point over the stream. The ground level here is significantly higher than the stream and a magnificent masonry culvert channels the stream beneath a trackway crossing the valley bottom. The culvert is apparently constructed with drystone masonry, with the roof of the culvert corbelled to achieve a pointed arched roof approximately 1.5 metres high. The trackway crosses the stream obliquely, in a southwest to northeast direction, although there are clear traces of a trackway continuing up the west edge of the stream to Cwmgloyne house. The culvert appears to be in sound repair and the stonework appears reasonably stable. The main cause for concern, however, are a number of saplings which have become established within the masonry of the facing walls to either side of the structure and also on the driveway crossing it. AP Dec 2003.

PRN 50021

SITE TYPE: ENCLOSURE

NGR: SN10613987

DESCRIPTION:

A relic sub-rectangular enclosure approximately 40 metres by 35 metres is identifiable on the 1st and 2nd edition Ordnance Survey maps of 1891 and 1907. It is not apparent on the tithe map of 1845 of Bayvil Parish. The enclosure is visible as a low earthwork bank approximately 3metres wide at its base and no higher than 0.25 metre on the interior. The natural ground surface slopes away on the northeast, southeast and southwest sides. The western edge of the enclosure projects into the adjacent field. Within it there are the remains of some coppice stools although the area is now planted with conifers. It is unknown what the function of this enclosure was, the early maps indicate that there was rough ground within it at the beginning of the 20th century and that when the 1st edition Ordnance Survey map was recorded it there were deciduous trees covering this area. It is possible that it may relate to a landscaping feature or focal point which formed part of an artificially enhanced landscape around the house. AP Dec 2003.

PRN 50025

SITE TYPE: QUARRY

NGR: SN10543955

DESCRIPTION:

Identified as "old quarry" on the Ordnance Survey 1st edition map (1889) suggesting that it had been abandoned by that time. Present condition unknown.

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These historic features identified within the woodland should be protected from damage during forestry operations either through the felling and removal of trees or by tracking machinery across them.

The woodland also lies adjacent to the scheduled monument of Cwm Gloyne camp (PE306, PRN 963, 964) an Iron Age Promontory Fort. Forestry operations must ensure that the scheduled area (identified in red on the map above) is unaffected, otherwise contact Cadw for advice.

There may also be the opportunity to undertake positive conservation work to improve the condition of the features noted above, and also to enhance the character of this historic woodland which once provided a picturesque setting for the entrance drive to Cwmgloyne house. Replanting with a deciduous



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profile of tree species would help to restore this historic character. Please contact Dyfed Archaeological Trust Heritage Management for further advice

There is always the possibility for previously unknown remains to survive within this area of which we have no knowledge. Should further archaeological features or finds be identified it is important that Dyfed Archaeological Trust Heritage Management is informed and further information and advice can then be provided as required.

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